

## **Commercial Vertical Launch Complex Project Status: July 2008**

The publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment will be no earlier than October 2008.

Various tasks to collect data and perform the appropriate analyses is moving more slowly than originally anticipated. This is due in part to the quality and quantity of comments received during the Scoping process. This has resulted in some additional time being required to address all the concerns raised. The following is a brief summary of the task progress to date:

- The archeological survey of the alternative sites was completed in May.
- The biological field studies are continuing and should be completed by the end of August.
- The economic analyses have begun and should be completed in September.
- NASA requested the Air Force to identify sites on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station that might be suitable for this project. The Air Force responded and identified several possible sites. NASA and the Air Force are in continuing discussions to narrow the list to those sites that meet all the technical criteria.